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Constipation and IBS are very common conditions and collectively represent about a third of patients presenting to the average colorectal clinic in the Western world. They are presented here as separate entities to reflect the general approach of most physicians; however, the reader should be aware that there is very considerable overlap, especially between constipation and the constipation-predominant form of IBS (C-IBS). Patients can fulfil the criteria for both diagnoses concurrently or move between diagnoses over time.

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